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1 Kings 19:1-7



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This is a pdf file of the PowerPoint® notes for the message by Pastor Dave Tietjen on Sunday, February 19, 2017, continuing his series on Elijah.

Despair exemplified . . .
the life of William Cowper (1731-1800)



William Cowper

The poet

“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

“There is a Fountain . . .”

“O for a Closer Walk with God”



William Cowper

The pain

The poet's life
seemed to be one
long accumulation
of pain.



John Piper



William Cowper

The pain

- Disaster



William Cowper

The pain

- Disaster
- Despondency



William Cowper

The pain

- Disaster
- Despondency
- Deliverance

John 11, Romans 3:25

“I received the strength to believe it, and the full beams of the Son of Righteousness shone upon me.”



William Cowper

The pain

- Disaster
- Despondency
- Deliverance
- Doubt



William Cowper

The pain

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- Doubt

Despair examined . . .
the lessons with Elijah

In Scripture, honesty is obvious

Spiritual feats and sinful failures

- Noah



The Sacrifice of Noah
Nicolas Poussin

In Scripture, honesty is obvious

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- Abraham



Abraham and Isaac
Harold Copping

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- Jacob



Jacob with the flock of Laban
Jusepe de Ribera

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- Moses



Evelyn Stuart Hardy

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- David



David Sees Bathsheba Bathing
Tissot

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Peter's Remorse
El Greco

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In Scripture, honesty is obvious

An epic feat and (sense of) failure

1 Kings 18:38-40a ESV

Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. . . .



In Scripture, honesty is obvious

An epic feat and (sense of) failure



1 Kings 18:38-40a ESV

... And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, “The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God.” And Elijah said to them, “Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape.”

In Scripture, honesty is obvious

Compare and contrast

1 Kings 17-19

- His weakness
- His productivity
- His attitude
- His focus

In Scripture, honesty is obvious

Conclusion
Look correctly

- Hopeful insight
Magnify the Lord
- Helpful illustrations
Numbers 13, 1 Samuel 27,
Matthew 14

In this Scripture, the hero is overwhelmed



1 Kings 18:45-19:3 ESV

And in a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel. And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah, and he gathered up his garment and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel. . . .

In this Scripture, the hero is overwhelmed



1 Kings 18:45-19:3 ESV

... Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ...

In this Scripture, the hero is overwhelmed



1 Kings 18:45-19:3 ESV

... Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

In this Scripture, the hero is overwhelmed

Hope retreated for Elijah



In this Scripture, the hero is overwhelmed



Fear resulted in Elijah

- He felt unlikely to live

In this Scripture, the hero is overwhelmed



Fear resulted in Elijah

- He felt unlikely to live
- He felt unlikely to succeed

In this Scripture, the hero is overwhelmed



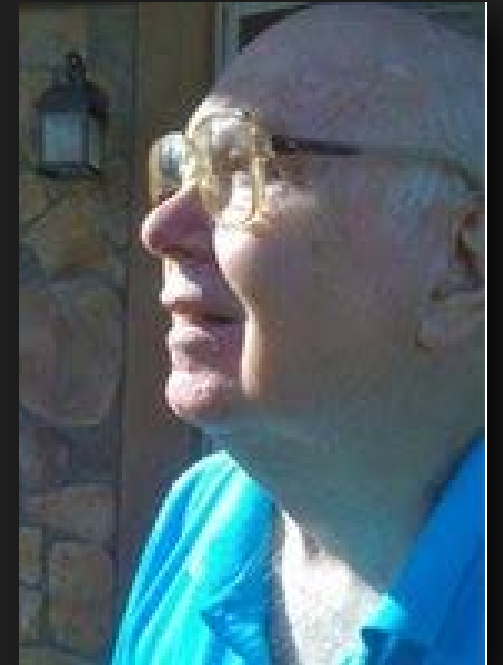
Fear resulted in Elijah

- He felt **unlikely to live**
- He felt **unlikely to succeed**
- He felt **unlikely to continue**

In this Scripture, the hero is overwhelmed

Fear resulted in Elijah

The fears that Elijah
faced are the same fears
that confront you and
me. . . .

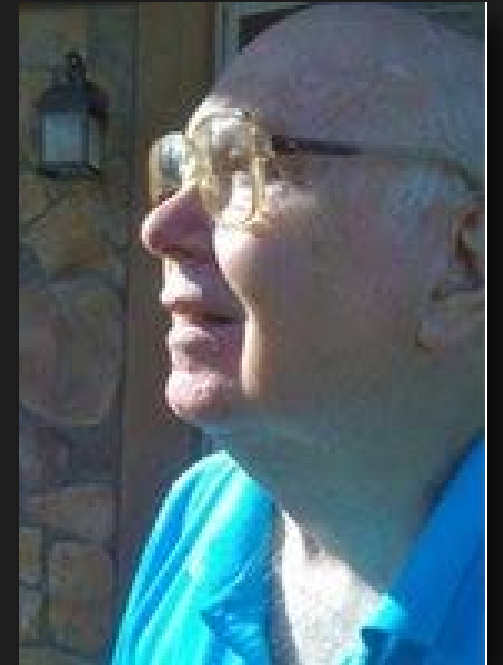


William
Peterson

In this Scripture, the hero is overwhelmed

Fear resulted in Elijah

... We fear failure and
futility of life. We fear
uselessness and an
uncertain tomorrow.



William
Peterson

In this Scripture, the hero is overwhelmed



Fear resulted in Elijah

- He felt **unlikely to live**
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In our story, help is offered

We identify with trials
to draw upon God's resources

In our story, help is offered

We are instructed with truth
to develop God's perspective

Jeremiah 2:13 ESV

For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

In our story, help is offered

We are instructed with truth
to develop God's perspective

Simply put, lies are beliefs, attitudes or expectations that don't fit reality . . .



Chris Thurman

In our story, help is offered

We are instructed with truth
to develop God's perspective

... We learn our lies from a variety of sources – parents, our friends, the culture we live in, even the church we attend – and they make life emotionally miserable, even unbearable.



Chris Thurman

In our story, help is offered

But we have this treasure in jars of clay,
to show that the surpassing power
belongs to God and not to us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed;
perplexed, but not driven to despair;
persecuted, but not forsaken;
struck down, but not destroyed.

2 Corinthians 4:7-9